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Note verbale dated 6 June 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006), and has the honour to transmit the report of the Republic of Azerbaijan on measures taken with a view to implementing the respective provisions of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 6 June 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006) on the measures taken with a view to implementing the respective provisions of Security Council resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007)

The Republic of Azerbaijan attaches utmost importance to preventing the use of its territory as a transit route for the illicit trafficking of items and materials related to the proliferation of nuclear weapons. To this end, the Government of Azerbaijan has developed comprehensive national export control legislation in line with international standards, which covers export, import, re-export, reimport and transit of items related to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and dual-use goods.

Following the adoption of Security Council resolution 1737 (2006), a working group of governmental experts from relevant State agencies of the Republic of Azerbaijan was established under the lead of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The group was assigned the task of studying the requirements of resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007) and elaborating guidelines and recommendations for their implementation in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

On the basis of the working group's activity, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan issued special instructions to the respective State agencies, taking into account all requirements, with a view to implementing the respective provisions of both resolutions.

It should be noted that the requirements of resolutions 1737 (2006) and 1747 (2007), as well as international norms of non-proliferation, including combating illicit trafficking, cannot be applied on 20 per cent of the internationally recognized territory of Azerbaijan that is currently occupied by neighbouring Armenia, as a consequence of which the Republic of Azerbaijan does not control a 132 km length of its southern border.